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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 March 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 May 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 03/12/2010 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

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4. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted prior art henceforth "Admission" and further in view of Feld (Patent No.: US 6281755B1).

With respect to claim 9:

Admission discloses a wide band amplifier comprising: an input terminal configured to receive an input voltage(fig.8, item V1), an output terminal configured to provide an amplified output voltage (fig.8, item V2), an amplification device (fig.8, item 102) connected in series between the input terminal and output terminal, an output terminal of the amplification device being directly connected to the output terminal; an LC parallel resonant circuit (fig.8, item 103,104) connected between the output terminal (fig.8, item V2) and the ground terminal in parallel to the amplification device (fig.8, item 102) and Admission did not disclose LCR series resonant circuit connected between the output terminal and ground terminal in parallel to the amplification device and the LC parallel resonant circuit. Feld discloses LCR series resonant circuit (fig.5, Ls Cs GL) connected between the output terminal and ground terminal and the LC parallel resonant circuit (fig. 5). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the above limitation of Feld for impedance matching.

5. Claim 10, 1, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted prior art henceforth "Admission" and further in view of Feld (Patent No.: US 6281755B1) and Kaczynski (2007/0111684A1).

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With respect to claim 10:

The rejection of claim 9 is incorporated; Admission and Feld did not disclose an amplifier wherein a common gate circuit and a cascade circuit are combined. Kaczynski disclosed an amplifier wherein a common gate circuit and a cascade circuit are combined (parag.0034). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a common gate circuit and cascade circuit combined together in order to amplify the signal.

With respect to claim 11:

The rejection of claim 9 is incorporated; Admission and Feld did not disclose an amplifier wherein a common-source circuit, a cascade circuit and a voltage feedback circuit are combined but the examiner take official action that combining common source circuit, a cascade circuit and a voltage feedback is common in the art and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention as made to have this limitation in order to amplify the signal.

With respect to claim 17:

The rejection of claim 14 is incorporated; Admission, Feld and Kasuga did not disclose common gate circuit and a cascade circuit combine together. Kaczynski disclosed an amplifier wherein a common gate circuit and a cascade circuit are combined (parag.0034). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a common gate circuit and cascade circuit combined together in order to amplify the signal.

With respect to claim 18:

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The rejection of claim 14 is incorporated; Admission, Feld and Kasuga did not disclose a common source circuit, a cascade and voltage feedback circuit to be combined but the examiner take official action that combining common source circuit, a cascade circuit and a voltage feedback is common in the art and it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention as made to have this limitation in order to amplify the signal.

6. Claims 12, 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted prior art henceforth "Admission" and further in view of Feld (Patent No.: US 6281755B1), Shohara (Pub. No.: US 2005/0078743A1) and Wilhelmsson (Pub. No. US 2007/0211831A1).

With respect to claims 12:

Admission discloses an amplifier comprising an input terminal configured to receive an input voltage(fig.8, item V1), an output terminal configured to provide an amplified output voltage (fig.8, item V2), an amplification device (fig.8, item 102) connected in series between the input terminal, an output terminal of the amplification device being an output terminal of the amplifier (fig.8, item 102) and an LC parallel resonant circuit (fig.8, item 103,104) connected between the output terminal and the ground in parallel to the amplification device (fig.8, item 102). Admission did not disclose an antenna, a band pass filter and low noise amplifier, converter, automatic gain control, processor, LCR series resonant circuit connected between the output terminal and ground terminal and down-converter being directly coupled to the amplification device. Feld discloses

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LCR series resonant circuit (fig.5, Ls Cs GL) connected between the output terminal (fig.5, GL and ground which is shown in fig. 2. GL to the ground) and the LC parallel resonant circuit (fig. 5). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the above limitation of Feld for impedance matching. Shohara disclosed a wireless communication apparatus comprising a low noise amplifier configured to amplify a voltage of a received signal (parag. 0034), a down-converter (fig.1, item 14) configured to down-convert the voltage-amplified received signal by frequency conversion, an automatic gain controller (fig.1, item 28), an analog-digital converter (fig.1, item 18), and a signal processing circuit configured to perform digital signal processing of received data (fig.1, item 50). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have all this limitation for a design choice. Wilhelmsson discloses down-converter being directly coupled to the amplification device (fig.4, item 403 coupled to item 402). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have down-converter directly coupled to amplification device for a design choice.

With respect to claim 13:

Admission discloses an amplifier comprising: an input terminal configured to receive an input voltage(fig.8, item V1), an output terminal configured to provide an amplified output voltage (fig.8, item V2), an amplification device (fig.8, item 102) connected in series between an input terminal and output terminal; an LC parallel resonant circuit (fig.8, item 103,104) connected between the output terminal and a ground (fig.8) in parallel to the amplification device (fig.8, item 102). Admission did not disclose an

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antenna, a band pass filter and low noise amplifier, converter, automatic gain control, processor and LCR series resonant circuit connected between the output terminal and the ground terminal and in parallel to the amplification device; power amplifier and down-converter being directly coupled to the amplification device. Feld discloses LCR series resonant circuit (fig.5, L_s C_s G_L) connected between the output terminal and the ground terminal (fig.5 where G_L is connected to ground not shown in fig.5 but shown in fig.2) and the LC parallel resonant circuit (fig. 5). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the above limitation of Feld for impedance matching. Shohara disclosed a wireless communication apparatus comprising a low noise amplifier configured to amplify a voltage of a received signal (parag. 0034), a down-converter (fig.1, item 14) configured to down-convert the voltage-amplified received signal by frequency conversion, an automatic gain controller (fig.1, item 28), an analog-digital converter (fig.1, item 18), digital- analog converter (fig.1, item 44) which converts transmit data to an analog signal, an up-converter (fig.1, item 48) configured to up- convert the analog transmit signal by frequency conversion, a power amplifier (parag.0034) configured to amplify power of the up-converted transmit signal, and a signal processing circuit (fig.1, item 50) configured to perform digital signal processing of transmit/receive data.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have all this limitation for a design choice. Wilhelmsson discloses down-converter being directly coupled to the amplification device (fig.4, item 403 coupled to item 402). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

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invention was made to have down-converter directly coupled to amplification device for a design choice.

7. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted prior art henceforth "Admission" and further in view of Kasuga (patent No.: US 4524422)

With respect to claim 14:

Admission discloses an amplifier comprising an input terminal configured to receive an input voltage(fig.8, item V1), an output terminal configured to provide an amplified output voltage (fig.8, item V2); an amplification device (fig.8, item 102) connected in series between the input terminal and the output terminal; an analog band pass filter connected in parallel to the output terminal of the amplification device (fig.8) and a load directly coupled to the amplification device (fig. 8). Admission did not disclose s-plane in which the plurality of pole is provided and zero are provided between the poles. Kasuga discloses a band pass filter with s-plane in which the plurality of pole is provided and zero are provided between the poles (col.2, lines 54-59). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have s-plane in which the plurality of pole is provided and zero are provided between the poles simply for design choice.

8. Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted prior art henceforth "Admission" and further in view of Feld (Patent No.:

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US 6281755B1) and Kasuga (patent No.: US 4524422) and Daners (Patent No.: US 6229393B1).

With respect to claims 15 and 16:

The rejection of claim 14 is incorporated; Admission, Feld and Kasuga did not disclose capacitor and inductance not in series between an output terminal of the amplifier device and output terminal of amplifier. Daners disclosed capacitor and inductance not in series between an output terminal of the amplification device and output terminal of amplifier (fig.1b). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have a capacitor and inductance not in series between an output terminal of the amplifier device and output terminal of amplifier for a design purpose.

9. Claims 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted prior art henceforth "Admission" and further in view of Kasuga (patent No.: US 4524422) and Shohara (Pub. No.: US 2005/0078743A1) and Wilhelmsson (Pub. No. US 2007/0211831A1).

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With respect to claim 19:

Admission discloses an amplifier comprising an input terminal configured to receive an input voltage(fig.8, item V1), an output terminal configured to provide an amplified output voltage (fig.8, item V2); an amplification device (fig.8, item 102) connected between the input terminal and output terminal; an analog band pass filter connected in

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parallel to the output terminal of the amplification device (fig.8). Admission did not disclose plurality of poles provided on a left side of an s-plane and a plurality of zeros arranged between the poles, at least two zeros being arranged at locations other than an origin of the s-plane; a down-converter configured to down-convert the voltage-amplified received signal by frequency conversion; an automatic gain controller; an analog-digital converter; a signal processing circuit configured to perform digital signal processing of received data and down-converter being directly coupled to the amplification device. Kasuga discloses a band pass filter with s-plane in which the plurality of pole is provided and zero are provided between the poles (col.2, lines 54-59). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have s-plane in which the plurality of pole is provided and zero are provided between the poles simply for design choice. Shohara disclosed a wireless communication apparatus comprising a low noise amplifier configured to amplify a voltage of a received signal (parag. 0034), a down-converter (fig.1, item 14) configured to down-convert the voltage-amplified received signal by frequency conversion, an automatic gain controller (fig.1, item 28), an analog-digital converter (fig.1, item 18), and a signal processing circuit configured to perform digital signal processing of received data (fig.1, item 50). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have all this limitation for a design choice. Wilhelmsson discloses down-converter being directly coupled to the amplification device (fig.4, item 403 coupled to item 402). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at

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the time the invention was made to have down-converter directly coupled to amplification device for a design choice.

With respect to claim 20:

Admission discloses an amplifier comprising an input terminal configured to receive an input voltage(fig.8, item V1), an output terminal configured to provide an amplified output voltage (fig.8, item V2), an amplification device (fig.8, item 102) connected between the input terminal and output terminal, a band pass filter connected in parallel to the output terminal of the amplification device (fig.8). Admission did not disclose plurality of poles provided on a left side of an s-plane and a plurality of zeros arranged between the poles, at least two zeros being arranged at locations other than an origin of the s-plane; a down-converter configured to down-convert the voltage-amplified received signal by frequency conversion; an automatic gain controller; an analog-digital converter; and a signal processing circuit configured to perform digital signal processing of received data and down-converter being directly coupled to the amplification device. Kasuga discloses a band pass filter with s-plane in which the plurality of pole is provided and zero are provided between the poles (col.2, lines 54-59). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have s-plane in which the plurality of pole is provided and zero are provided between the poles simply for design choice. Shohara disclosed a wireless communication apparatus comprising a low noise amplifier configured to amplify a voltage of a received signal

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(parag. 0034), a down-converter (fig.1, item 14) configured to down-convert the voltage-amplified received signal by frequency conversion, an automatic gain controller (fig.1, item 28), an analog-digital converter (fig.1, item 18), digital- analog converter (fig.1, item 44) which converts transmit data to an analog signal, an up-converter (fig.1, item 48) configured to up- convert the analog transmit signal by frequency conversion, a power amplifier (parag.0034) configured to amplify power of the up-converted transmit signal, and a signal processing circuit (fig.1, item 50) configured to perform digital signal processing of transmit/receive data. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have all this limitation for a design choice. Wilhelmsson discloses down-converter being directly coupled to the amplification device (fig.4, item 403 coupled to item 402). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have down-converter directly coupled to amplification device for a design choice.

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments filed 03/12/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Regarding claims 12, 13, 19 and 20, applicant argued that cited reference does not disclose the newly added limitation to claim for example, applicant said Field did not disclose a wide band amplifier with input terminal configured to receive input voltage and output terminal configured to provide an amplified voltage and also amplification is not directly connected to the output terminal and ground terminal. Examiner respectfully disagrees with this because examiner went through all the cited

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referece and realize that Feld reference still discloses a ground terminal. Fig. 2 of Feld reference shows that GL is connected to a ground and referring to fig. 5 of Feld, GL is the load connected to ground only that the ground is not shown in the picture but ordinary skill in the art will understand the drawing from fig. 2 that GL is connected to the ground. Also admission discloses a ground in the drawing (fig. 8 of admission shows that amplification device is connected between the output terminal and the ground terminal only that admission did not disclose series LCR connected between the output terminal and the ground terminal and Feld cure this deficiency because Feld disclose series LCR connected between the output terminal and the ground terminal as discussed based on fig. 2 and fig. 5 of Feld).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AJIBOLA AKINYEMI whose telephone number is (571) 270-1846. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday (8:30-5pm) EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, YUWEN PAN can be reached on (571) 272-7855. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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